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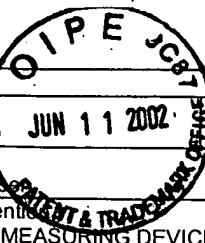
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Inventor(s) Erich Strasser					Group Art Unit 2857
Title of Invention POSITION MEASURING DEVICE AND METHOD FOR THE START-UP OF A POSITION MEASURING DEVICE					



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START-UP OF A POSITION)
MEASURING DEVICE)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby submits the following references for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed along with a completed copy of Form PTO-1449.

I. DISCLOSURE

A. U.S. Patents

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
5,687,103	Hagl et al.	11/11/97
5,760,707	Katagiri	06/02/98
6,114,947	Tondorf	09/05/00
6,353,397	Bielski et al.	03/05/02

B. Foreign Patents

<u>Reference No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Pub. Date</u>
38 25 869	Germany	02/01/90
44 22 056	Germany	01/12/95
43 42 377	Germany	06/14/95
44 25 416	Germany	02/08/96
44 27 278	Germany	02/15/96
195 21 252	Germany	12/12/96
9-91045	Japan	04/04/97
196 13 884	Germany	10/09/97
197 11 215	Germany	05/07/98

II. DISCUSSION

A. German Patent Reference No. 38 25 869

Based solely on the drawings and the enclosed English language Abstract, the '869 patent

reference is pertinent because it appears to disclose a position measuring device with a scale and an error message device.

The '869 patent reference was cited as an A-type reference in a Search Report for a corresponding German Patent Application. An A-type reference regards technical background information and is not deemed pertinent to patentability.

B. German Patent Reference No. 44 22 056

The pertinence of the '056 patent reference is discussed at page 2 of Applicant's specification.

It is believed that U.S. Patent No. 5,760,707 corresponds to the '056 reference.

C. German Patent Reference No. 43 42 377

The pertinence of the '377 patent reference is discussed at pages 1 and 2 of Applicant's specification.

It is believed that U.S. Patent No. 5,687,103 corresponds to the '377 reference.

The '377 patent reference was cited as a D-type and a Y-type reference in a Search Report for a corresponding German Patent Application. A Y-type reference is deemed pertinent to patentability when combined with one or more Y-type references.

D. German Patent Reference No. 44 25 416

Based solely on the drawings and the enclosed English language Abstract, the '416 patent reference is pertinent because it appears to disclose a circuit to be used with a measuring device.

The '416 patent reference was cited as a Y-type reference in a Search Report for a corresponding German Patent Application.

E. German Patent Reference No. 44 27 278

Based solely on the drawings and the enclosed English language Abstract, the '278 patent reference is pertinent because it appears to disclose a measuring device that uses Hall elements to cut out a displacement drive for a scanner..

The '278 patent reference was cited as a Y-type reference in a Search Report for a corresponding German Patent Application.

F. German Patent Reference No. 195 21 252

Based solely on the drawings and the enclosed English language Abstract, the '252 patent reference is pertinent because it appears to disclose a measuring device that uses an amplifier that receives position measuring signals and a control signal.

The '252 patent reference was cited as a Y-type reference in a Search Report for a corresponding German Patent Application.

G. Japanese Patent Reference No. 9-91045

The pertinence of the '045 patent reference is discussed at pages 2 and 3 of Applicant's specification. The attached English language Abstract indicates that the '045 reference discloses a power supply monitoring device.

H. German Patent Reference No. 196 13 884

Based solely on the drawings, the '884 patent reference is pertinent because it appears to disclose transmission of information between a scanning unit and an evaluation and power supply unit of a position measuring device via a power supply line.

It is believed that U.S. Patent No. 6,114,947 corresponds to the '884 reference.

The '884 patent reference was cited as a Y-type reference in a Search Report for a

corresponding German Patent Application.

I. German Patent Reference No. 197 11 215

Based solely on the drawings, the '215 patent reference is pertinent because it appears to disclose a position measuring device that switches between different types of output signals.

It is believed that U.S. Patent No. 6,353,397 corresponds to the '215 reference.

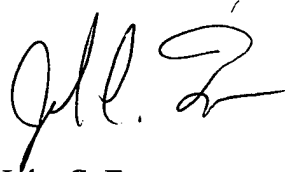
The '215 patent reference was cited as an A-type reference in a Search Report for a corresponding German Patent Application.

III. CONCLUSION

It is believed that none of these references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the invention claimed. However, Applicant wishes to make it clear that the disclosure of the above references is in no way an admission that they qualify as prior art. It is Applicant's desire, however, to have these references available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to

see. Applicant therefore requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of each reference and make the above-listed references of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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